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#### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- FBI Says Threats Against Schools Increased 60% Nationwide in 2022
- Gov. Youngkin Announces Grants to Improve Student Safety (VA)
- Virginia Schools Increasingly Eye Weapons Detectors to Keep Firearms Out of Buildings
- False School Shooting Threats on the Rise, Plague Districts Nationwide
- Hacked University Warns of Campus Text Alerts Sent by Ransomware Group (VA)
- Man Caught With Semi-Automatic Rifle, 150 Rounds of Ammo Near Beaumont School Pleads Not Guilty (TX)
- Gun Found in Gretna School Trash Can; Student Charged (VA)
- Michigan School District Has Banned Students From Carrying Backpacks
- Artificial Intelligence Being Used in Schools, Museums to Spot Gun Threats (FL)
- Virginia Beach teacher pleads guilty after making threats against school (VA)
- Senator Proposes Using IRS Money to Fund Guards in Schools

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# Complex Operating Environment—Educational Facilities: Primary and Secondary Schools

The physical characteristics of the estimated 98,000 public, and 33,000 private schools in the Homeland create a complex environment for emergency personnel responding to calls for service in the event of a terrorist attack. Internal and external security measures and rapid and comprehensive emergency response plans must take into account a variety of factors, such as the institution's student body, faculty and staff, physical characteristics and layout, institutional guidance, policies and procedures, and the local government's laws and ordinances.

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A police chief breaks down the dangers of swatting, how it impacts communities, and lessons he's learned from responding to false threats.

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